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Tony Couture Appointed Workers' Compensation Judge

Albuquerque, N.M. August, 7, 2017 – New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA) Director Darin A. Childers announced the appointment of Tony Couture to serve as a workers' compensation judge for the WCA. He will assume his new position on August 28, 2017, replacing Judge David Skinner. Open cases previously assigned to Judge Skinner will be reassigned to Judge Couture.

"I'm very pleased to make this appointment," said Childers. "Tony brings a unique and diverse background to the bench and I am confident that he will be an excellent and fair judge."

Couture was hired as a WCA mediator in January of this year, after spending 10 years in private law practice. His workers' compensation experience includes representing both employers/insurers and injured workers. Couture earned his law degree in 2007 from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Prior to his legal career, he worked as a registered nurse, in both emergency room and in-patient settings, and as a computer scientist. Originally from Sheboygan, Wis., Couture grew up along the shores of Lake Michigan, and served in the United States Coast Guard. Couture moved to New Mexico in 1982. He is recently married and has three children.

"I am honored by the appointment and promise to serve the people of the state of New Mexico honestly, impartially and diligently."

There are currently five workers' compensation judge positions in the WCA's Adjudication Bureau based out of Albuquerque. Workers' compensation judges hear and decide disputes over benefits due to injured workers throughout New Mexico.